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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (canceled)

2. (withdrawn) The electrical connector assembly according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said guide portions has an asymmetric shape with respect to a line connecting said guide portions and said guided portions have shapes corresponding to those of said guide portions.

3. (currently amended) The electrical connector assembly according to claim ~~4~~ 5, wherein ~~at least inside surface of a top of~~ each of said guide portions ~~is~~ includes a top inside surface tapered in ~~at least said the first~~ the first direction in ~~which said contact portions are arranged.~~

4. (withdrawn) The electrical connector assembly according to claim 2, wherein at least inside surface of a top of each of said guide portions is tapered in at least said direction in which said contact portions are arranged.

5. (new) An electrical connector assembly, comprising:  
a first connector extending in a first direction and having a pair of guide portions at both ends thereof in the first direction, each of the guide portions having a first inside surface at an inside thereof in the first direction and a first outside surface at an outside thereof in the first direction,

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said first inside surface having a flat surface, said first outside surface having a relief recess; and

a second connector to be connected to the first connector and extending in a second direction, said second connector having a pair of guided portions at both ends thereof in the second direction for receiving the pair of the guide portions, each of the guided portions having a second inside surface at an inside thereof in the second direction and a second outside surface at an outside thereof in the second direction, said second inside surface having a relief recess, said second outside surface having a flat surface.

6. (new) The electrical connector assembly according to claim 5, wherein said guide portions and said guided portions are arranged such that the relief recess of the first outside surface accommodates a part of one of the guided portions even when one of the guide portions is inserted into or pulled out from the one of the guided portions in an inclined state.

7. (new) The electrical connector assembly according to claim 5, wherein said guide portions and said guided portions are arranged such that the relief recess of the second inside surface accommodates a part of one of the guide portions even when the one of the guide portions is inserted into or pulled out from one of the guided portions in an inclined state.

8. (new) The electrical connector assembly according to claim 5, wherein said first connector further includes a plurality of contact portions arranged along the first direction.

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9. (new) The electrical connector assembly according to claim 8, wherein said first connector further includes an intermediate board having the contact portions disposed thereon.

10. (new) The electrical connector assembly according to claim 9, wherein said intermediate board includes a cut-off groove for positioning the contact portions when the first connector is connected to the second connector.